3rd unit is awaited from Ministry of Coal. Key site specific studies/ investigations for the project have been completed and Feasibility Report for Bg TPP (3x250 MW) has been finalized in September, 2006.

Power projects in Meghalaya and Assam

1288. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to set up three power projects in Meghalaya and one at Margherita in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received opinion of the State Government of Assam on the proposed coal based thermal power project at Margherita; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd., a Govt. of India Undertaking under the Ministry of Power, has proposed to set up Mawhu Hydro Electric Project (120 MW), Kynshi Hydro Electric Project (450 MW). West Khasi Hills Thermal Power Project (240 MW) and Garo hills Thermal Power Project (720 MW) in Meghalaya and Margherita Thermal Power Project (480 MW) in Assam.

It has been informed by NEEPCO that so far the State Government of Meghalaya has given its consent for the Mawhu Hydro Electric Project (120 MW) and 'in principle' agreement for the West Khasi Hills Thermal Project (240 MW).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Closure of Dabhol Power Project

1289. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is every chance that Dabhol Power Project may be closed due to decrease in Naphtha stock;

(b) if so, the reasons for not making assessment of stock in time; and

(c) the measures Government will take in this regard, so that this problem may not arise in future?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. RGPPL has informed that they have been arranging Naphtha stock as per generation schedule agreed with the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited. The Power Block-II of the Dabhol Power Project has been in operation since 30th October, 2006.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Facilities for Tehri dam displaced families

1290. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tehri Hydroelectric Development Corporation has provided electricity and water connections to all Tehri dam displaced in Athurvala Vishtapith area;

(b) whether the same facility has not been extended to rehabilitees in Mauja Pathri, Suman Nagar, Bahadrabad and Haridwar where they have been provided agricultural land at quite a distance from their dwellings resulting in very few settlement in the area;

(c) if so, by when Government propose to provide individual water and electricity connections to all agricultural fields on lines with Athurvala Vishtapith so as the area becomes vibrant, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) The rehabilitation work of the Tehri Project is being carried out by the Government of Uttaranchal in accordance with the recommendations of the expert Committee constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Prof. Hanumantha Rao and which has been accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Government of Uttaranchal has informed that all facilities including Roads, Electricity, Drinking water supply, Irrigation & Other essential community facilities i.e. School, Barat Ghar, shops, Dispensaries, Place of worship, etc. have been provided at Mauja Pathri/Suman Nagar, Bahadrabad rehabilitation sites in District Haridwar.